

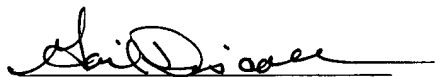
REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-8 have been amended to change the word "monotonous" to "monotonic" and new claims 9-17 have been added. An early and favorable action is hereby earnestly solicited.

Should any questions arise concerning the application, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' attorneys at the number listed below.

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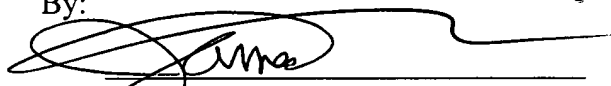


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